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Sir:

As attorney of record for the Inventors, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.14, I authorize Christopher Riley, Joshua Woods and William Mullenax to inspect and make copies of the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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